



## NEWS RELEASE

### **HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON FY 2022 BUDGET**

Herndon, VA (February 12, 2021) – The Herndon Town Council is seeking citizens’ input on programs and services to be included in the town’s FY 2022 Budget. On February 23, the council will hold a public hearing to solicit citizens’ guidance on the budget.

According to Mayor Sheila Olem, the restraints imposed on the town’s budget in FY 2021 will likely continue well into FY 2022, which begins July 1. “The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant, devastating impact on local economies, and Herndon has not been immune,” she said. “While our sound fiscal practices have buffered the impact somewhat, we are – like jurisdictions across the region – experiencing decreases in most revenue categories. Accordingly, our budget planning is focused on continued provision of the core services our citizens expect and value – public works, public safety and those services that are integral to our infrastructure and day-to-day lives.

“There will again be a time,” Mayor Olem said, “for the town budget to incorporate funding for programs and initiatives that propel us forward and enrich our culture. That time is not here – yet. While the Town Council and staff continue to engage in long-term planning, our focus in developing this year’s budget is on near-term management of the impact COVID-19 has on our operations and resources.”

By April 1, Town Manager Bill Ashton will deliver to the council a proposed FY 2022 budget. The council will then conduct two public hearings on the proposed budget, at its April 13 and April 27 meetings. The town’s FY 2022 budget must be adopted by June 30, 2021.

Citizens may participate in Town Council public hearings via WebEx; visit [Herndon-va.gov](https://www.herndon-va.gov), “Events.”

Information on the town’s FY 2022 budget will be posted throughout its development on the budget page at [www.herndon-va.gov/budget](https://www.herndon-va.gov/budget).

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